

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

**➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Tex Kersey offered one of our roving photographers a polite smile. Many thanks, Tex!

**➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Did you know that Jan. 22, 2022, is proclaimed to be Local Quilt Shop Day throughout Indiana? We didn't either until the nice folks at the Fabric Shop Network sent us this notice. The event is an annual arts celebration focusing on the rich tradition and history of quilting in our communities. This internationally celebrated holiday emphasizes the importance of Local Quilt Shops and their significant contributions and economic impact on local communities. Local Quilt Shop Day was established by The Fabric Shop Network, a trade association that represents more than 5,000 local quilt shop owners globally. And now you know!

**2** Want to see some eagles outside of Montgomery County? Then you might consider Lake Monroe's annual Eagles over Monroe event that offers a wide range of programs and activities about bald eagles from Jan. 22 to Jan. 30. Included are a mix of small to medium-size in-person programs and hikes, a self-guided tour and scavenger hunt, and a virtual presentation on Facebook Live. Details, including full descriptions and registration links, are available at [bit.ly/eaglesovermonroe2022](http://bit.ly/eaglesovermonroe2022). One featured program is a conversation with Al Parker, a wildlife biologist who guided Indiana's bald eagle reintroduction program. He will share history and personal stories starting at 2 p.m. on Jan. 29 at Paynetown State Recreation Area (SRA). Space for this free program is limited to 40 attendees. Advance registration is required by Jan. 26.

**3** Most Indiana tax forms for the 2022 Individual Income Tax season are now available online. However, the Indiana Department of Revenue is reminding Hoosiers to wait until they receive their official tax documents and statements before filing their 2021 tax return. All employers are required to provide Form W-2's to employees by Jan. 31, 2022. Other forms may be needed to file an accurate tax return, including documents on freelance or gig income, business income, investments, interest, or prize winnings. Employers may continue to adjust annual wage and deduction amounts before sending the official Form W-2 to employees and related wage information to the IRS and DOR. Customers who use the information on their last paycheck of the year or other unofficial sources of information for tax purposes risk having to file an amended tax return with adjusted numbers. For more info or to download forms, go to [dor.in.gov](http://dor.in.gov).

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## SSS Cheer Campaign tops 14.5K

Crawfordsville High School and Tri Kappa Sorority Sunshine Society Cheer Campaign has completed its fourth week. This community outreach program raised more than \$20,000 a year ago and has set a goal of \$15,000 this year.

Anyone may donate. Some donations are anonymous, some are in memory of family or friends.

The Paper of Montgomery County and other media will publish lists with the names of the donations. It's important to note that all donations stay in this community.

The Society campaign began 110 years ago.



Here is the next weekly report for the 2021 Cheer Certificate Campaign. So far, there has been \$14,874.07 raised.

Donations received from the following: \$50 Marilyn

Easterling in memory of Mildred Shoaf; \$100 Mary Jane Meadows in memory of Elmer and Sarah Wilbur; \$100 Lynn Robison in memory of Larry Robison and Our Parents; \$50 Anonymous in memory of Mom; \$50 Gerry and Peggy Hunt in memory of our Beloved Son Kevin Hunt; \$100 Anonymous in memory of Karl Dickerson; \$50 John and Cheryl Luzander in memory of Keith Whalen, Inez & Bill Luzader; \$25 Charlene Meadows in memory of Clarace and Warren Crane; \$20 Your Family in memory of Richard Watkins Sr. and Ronald Watkins

## Jan 2022 Veteran Newsletter

Wow! What weather we had in the month of December. Well we have had 48 phone calls into my office for the month of Dec. We have had 10 people come into my office.

We also have taken four veterans to the VA for this month. I will be going to the American Legion Post 72 on Thursday 6th of January from 1 p.m. till 3:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to speak to me could come to the Legion and you do not need to be a member of the legion.

We do now have three full time drivers for the VA Vans now with two more drivers coming on in January 2022. We also had five people deliver gift baskets to the veterans that are in the Nursing Homes. We delivered 36 baskets to the Nursing Homes. Those that took them were Tom Klein, Bonita Clemens, Dave Sadler,



**JOE ELLIS**  
Veterans Service Officer

and I had a total of 188 people come into my office for the year.

Now we have the following great opportunities for immediate interviews with Acuity Brands in Crawfordsville, In. 47933. Get away from the big city life, ready for a change?

Build a quality of life in Crawfordsville, In-"Promote from within" culture at Acuity Brands.

Manufacturing Quality Engineer (2969)

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Tim McMahan and myself. We also would like to thank all of those that gave money to the cause.

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## A very shaggy New Year

My friend, Karen, and I were talking the other day, and like nearly all discussions between members of the opposite sex, the conversation ultimately turned to shag carpeting.

Karen is remarkable. Not only does she juggle the demands of a husband and a home full of preteen children, she manages the household finance, and can do six handstand pushups in the gym without stopping.

If that wasn't impressive enough, Karen works in construction!



**JOHN MARLOWE**  
COLUMNIST

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## Coal Creek Bearcat Outstanding Athlete

One of the top players to sport a Bearcat uniform in the 1960s was Lee Fouts, who graduated from Coal Creek in 1967. As a sophomore during the 1964-65 season, Lee started out on the B-team, but was brought up to the varsity after only five games. This proved to be a wise decision



**BUTCH DALE**  
COLUMNIST

by coach Pat McDowell, as Lee averaged 12 points and 10 rebounds during the team's next

ten games until an ankle sprain forced him out of the lineup the remainder of the season. Lee's most memorable game during that stretch was when his team won the school's first County Tourney championship.

During his junior year, Lee kept right on improving as he averaged 14 points and 14 rebounds per contest, and was named to the All-County, All-Sectional, All-Wabash Conference, and All-Regional teams. The Bearcats, under new coach Phil Miller, also won their first Sectional crown,

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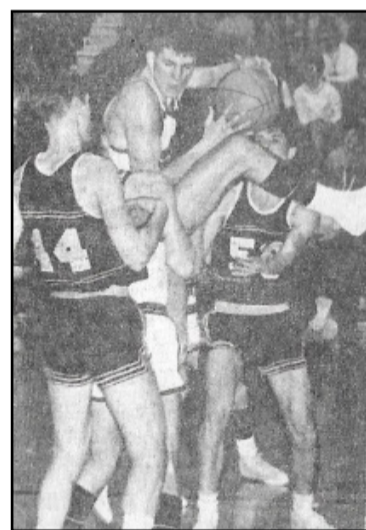


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## ➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Only 75 days until spring. Can't wait!



## ➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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## ➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Make sure your shoes have good arch support and fit correctly to help prevent foot, ankle, knee, hip and back problems.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at [www.thepaper24-7.com](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).



## ➔ OBITUARIES

**Kenneth George Kirkpatrick**  
**Mark Eads**  
**Helen D. "Granny" Rahn**

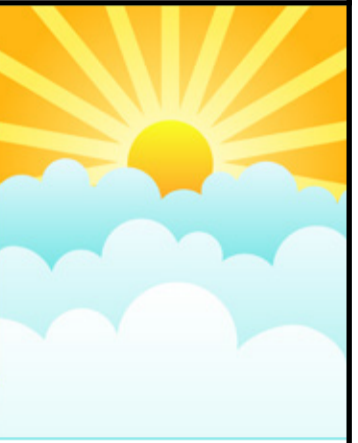
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## The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 8:06 a.m.  
SET: 5:33 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 42 °F  
Low: 24 °F



**Wacky Holiday Today**  
• Spaghetti Day  
• Trivia Day



**What Happened On This Day**  
• 1896 Utah becomes the 45th state of the U.S.A.  
• 1847 Samuel Colt sells his first revolver



**Births On This Day**  
• 1809 Louis Braille French educator  
• 1942 John McLaughlin English guitarist

**Deaths On This Day**  
• 1965 T. S. Eliot American/English publisher  
• 1961 Erwin Schrödinger Austrian physicist

## ➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

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Be sure to make some time Sunday morning with a steaming cup of coffee, a comfy place to sit and your tablet so you can read The Paper's Sunday Edition. Not a current Sunday subscriber? Then go to our website and sign up! You can get The Paper delivered piping hot and fresh to your e-mailbox every morning at 4 a.m. for only \$42 for every day of the year. Or, if you only want Sundays you can buy a Sunday-only subscription for just \$29 No other newspaper in Montgomery County offers that! But then again, we've been able to say that about a lot of things for quite a while now.

## ➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"The first step toward getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are."  
J.P. Morgan

## ➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What does the cat say on New Year's?  
Happy Mew Year!





## OBITUARIES

### Kenneth George Kirkpatrick

Feb. 7, 1933 - Dec. 30, 2021

Kenneth George Kirkpatrick, 88, Lafayette, passed away at 2:43 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021 in IU Health Arnett Hospital. He had been in failing health the past year.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was born on the family farm in the rural Wingate/Newtown communities Feb. 7, 1933 to the late George Marshall and Ada Bonnie Magdalena Counts Kirkpatrick.

He was a graduate of Richland Township High School in Newtown with the class of 1951. Following graduation he worked on the family farm until he was inducted into the US Army, where he served from July 1953 - April 1955, serving in Japan and Korea, where he was assigned to SCARWAF as a Unit Supply Specialist. He was a 39 year employee of Tipmont REMC. He began working in the office, then as a 'groundsman', moving up to a 'lineman' and retired as a dispatcher.

He married Barbara Jane Sattler in the Newtown Methodist Church, Nov. 30, 1962 and she survives. He and Barbara lived in Linden for 33 years and moved to Lafayette, January 2000. He bowled with the Tipmont REMC Bowling League, enjoyed playing cards, genealogy, history and family. He was a member of American Legion Post 11 and attended St. James Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; daughter; Carolyn Kay Dance of Indianapolis; son, James Michael Kirkpatrick of Anaheim, Calif.; sister-in-law, Jill M. Kirkpatrick of Veedersburg; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Janet Lee Hershberger Kirkpatrick, who passed shortly after giving birth to Karen Sue Kirkpatrick, who did not survive; son, David Lee Kirkpatrick; two sisters, Cleo M. Longden and Imogene Butler; and brother, Robert E. Kirkpatrick.

Visitation hours are scheduled 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate, with funeral services immediately following at 3 p.m., with Rev. Peter Heckert officiating. Burial will follow in Meharry Cemetery. Military graveside honors by American Legion Post 11. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Diabetes Foundation. To sign the guest book or leave a condolence visit [www.familyandfriendsfh.com](http://www.familyandfriendsfh.com). The service will be live streamed on the Family and Friends Funeral Home Facebook page.

### Helen D. "Granny" Rahn

Feb. 25, 1931 - Jan. 1, 2022

Helen D. "Granny" Rahn, 90, Kingman, Ind., passed away at her daughter's home on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022.

Mrs. Rahn was born on Feb. 25, 1931, the middle child of Hershel and Fern Drollinger, born in Lafayette, Ind.

She moved to Fountain County when she was 4 years old and never left. She graduated from Kingman High School in 1949. She was a member of the Freedom Christian Church near Wallace.

She married the love of her life, Paul J. Rahn, on July 1, 1950. He preceded her in death on August 31, 1996. They spent 46 hardworking years farming side by side near Wallace. She loved cooking, gardening, canning, raising flowers, sewing and crocheting, while raising five children. She was a ten-year Fountain County 4-H member. She was selected and attended Girls State School. She taught Sunday school, Bible school, and prepared an abundance of food for the church social dinners. She was well known for her homemade pies, angel food cakes, and cinnamon rolls. No one ever left the table hungry and all were invited.

She enjoyed traveling the United States with her husband and was sure to pick up a rock at every stop to add to her collection. Later she enjoyed vacations with her children and grandchildren at theme parks and rode her first roller coaster at age 70. At age 86, she was jumping on the trampoline with Bristol. In 2006, a new family tradition began. Her children and grandchildren caravanned with her to Panama City or Myrtle Beach for a week vacation. She loved capturing the moments or flowers with her camera.

She will be fondly remembered by her family as a devoted and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, as she opened her home and helped care for each of them. They will never forget Sunday dinners at her house, sleepover parties or Cookie Day. "Cookie Day" was pressing, decorating, and baking over 400 cookies!

Survivors include her children, Dennis Rahn, Jane Swank, Nancy Rahn, Sharry Fears and Dale (Jolie) Rahn; nine grandchildren, Ross (Hana), Nick, Shelbie (Drew), Alora (Mike), Luke (Megan), Megan (Travis), Elyssa, Teagan and Murphy; and nine great-grandchildren. At her death, her family had grown to 30 members.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Esther Downing; and brother, Norman Drollinger. Ollie and Laura Broom preceded her, they loved her like a daughter.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. till the time of the service at 1:30 p.m. at Sanders Funeral Care, 203 S 1st Street, in Kingman. Burial will follow at Wolf Creek Church Cemetery near Wallace. Memorial donations may be given to the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department, 3898 S State Road 341, Hillsboro, Ind. Share memories and condolences online at [www.sandersfuneralcare.com](http://www.sandersfuneralcare.com)



### Mark Eads

May 24, 1954 - Jan. 1, 2022

Mark Lavon Eads, 67, Waynetown passed away on Jan. 1, 2022 at Franciscan Health Indianapolis.

He was born in Crawfordville on May 24, 1954 to Lloyd "Buck" and Joan "Joanie" (Dale) Eads.

He graduated from Orion High School in Orion, Ill. and retired from RR Donnelley. He was Baptized at Elmdale Church and was a member of the FOE. He played football in high school for two years and was undefeated the first season and only lost one game his second season. He enjoyed gardening, yard work, his dogs, Sissy and Annie, the Razorbacks and his Camaro.

Survivors include his parents; daughter, Sharon Lou (Jamie) Bradley; two grandchildren, Christopher and Katelyn; sister, Terry (Ron) Johnson; brother, Brad (Laurie) Eads; and two aunts, Claressa Perry and Carolyn Wright; and a friend Betty Bushong.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lloyd and Martha Eads and Irene Williams.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordville on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 from 11 a.m. until the time of Funeral service at 12 p.m. Memorial donations may be given to Prairie Creek Baptist Church. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at [www.sandersfuneralcare.com](http://www.sandersfuneralcare.com)



## Help available for students facing food insecurity

This week, the holiday break is over for many Indiana students, and local food banks say their goal is to ensure kids have enough to eat this semester.

One in every seven Hoosier children faces hunger at home, according to the nonprofit Feeding America.

Emily Weikert Bryant - executive director of Feeding Indiana's Hungry - said food banks across the state can help those kids and their families get what they need, on and off school grounds, this semester.

"Many of our members have pantries at schools, or do mobile pantries at school sites," said Weikert Bryant, "working with those school communities to provide access to families, not just the child that attends the school, but the families of the children."

Weikert Bryant said continuing pandemic-aid measures guarantee students get a healthy breakfast and lunch on campus, and food banks have other programs to fill the need for food off-campus.

She added that folks with incomes less than 185% of the federal poverty line - or about \$49,000 a year for a family of four - can enroll children in free and reduced-price lunch programs. That also qualifies them for pandemic food-aid benefits.

Parents can call 211 to find local food assistance.

One option is a backpack program, which provides food for after school, weekends and holidays.

Marijo Martinec, executive director of the Food Bank of Northern Indi-

ana, said her organization is feeding more than 2,800 kids across four counties through its backpack program this school year. She said school officials and

social workers decide which students are eligible.

"The schools make sure that the families, if there's multiple students in one family in various grades," said Martinec, "that they all try to get in the program."

Martinec said bullying can be a concern for students who participate in food-aid programs, so discretion is a critical component.

"Receiving that food discreetly really is to protect them," said Martinec. "So that they don't have to feel any shame for being in the situation that they're in and needing that food assistance."

She added, since students often share their backpack contents with family members, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana is piloting a new program to provide larger quantities of food.



Emily Weikert Bryant



## New Elvis scratch-off offers king-size fun

The Hoosier Lottery continues to celebrate the holiday season with the launch of a \$5 ELVIS™ Scratch-off, bringing King-Size Fun and excitement to Hoosier Lottery retailers statewide and providing players with chances to win up to \$100,000 instantly. The \$5 ELVIS Scratch-off features three iconic Elvis moments and includes 20 chances to win on each ticket.

Leading up to Presley's 87th birthday on January 8, the Hoosier Lottery will celebrate by introducing King-Size Trivia, a promotion on Facebook featuring an Elvis tribute artist. From January 3-8, a new question will populate every day and all participants who leave an answer in the comments section will be entered into a random drawing for a prize valued at over \$100, including ELVIS Scratch-offs and other Hoosier Lottery prizes. Official rules are available at [HoosierLottery.com/ELVIS](http://HoosierLottery.com/ELVIS).

Elvis' birthday week will also include appearances by the Elvis tribute artist engaging fans at the January 5 Fort Wayne Komets hockey game and January 6 Fort Wayne Mad Ants basketball game.

Elvis performed his last concert at Indianapolis' Market Square Arena on June 26, 1977, and his final Fort Wayne concert at the Memorial Coliseum on October 25, 1976.

"The Hoosier Lottery is excited to offer fun fit for a King with the \$5 ELVIS Scratch-off featuring three collectible Elvis Presley scenes and the opportunity to win up to \$100,000 instantly," said Sarah M. Taylor, executive director of the Hoosier Lottery. "We are excited to engage players and fans alike with some King-Size Fun celebrating Elvis' birthday."

Must be 18 or older to play. Please play responsibly. Problem Gambling

Helpline: 1-800-994-8448. Estimated Overall Odds 1 in 3.70.

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ABOUT ELVIS PRESLEY: Elvis Presley is one of the most influential pop culture figures of the 20th century. Often referred to as the "King of Rock 'n' Roll," Elvis' commanding voice and charismatic stage presence unleashed a musical and cultural revolution that changed the world. Over the course of his extraordinary career, Elvis was nominated for 14 Grammy Awards (3 wins), sold over 1 billion records worldwide, received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, and was named "One of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Nation" by the United States Jaycees, as well as the 2018 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In addition to his musical accolades, Elvis starred in 33 films and made numerous television appearances.



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# Applications are now available for Indiana Supreme Court

Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush announced an upcoming vacancy on the Indiana Supreme Court. She encourages interested judges and lawyers to consider applying. Applications are due by February 4 at 12:00 p.m. (Eastern). The position on the state's highest court is available with the fall 2022 retirement of Justice Steven David, who is stepping down from the bench after nearly 30 years as a judicial branch leader. Justice David was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2010. Applications to fill Justice David's seat will be considered by the seven-member Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission. With Chief Justice Loretta Rush as chair, the Commission includes three lawyers elected by their peers and three citi-



zen members appointed by the Governor. A candidate for the vacancy must be an Indiana resident and have been a member of the Indiana Bar for at least ten years or served as an Indiana judge for five years. The application, which must be submitted through the Indiana Courts Portal and to the Judicial Nominating Commission, contains pertinent background information, writing samples, references,

educational transcripts, and letters of recommendation. The Commission will conduct public interviews of qualified candidates in late February/early March. Finalists will undergo a second round of interviews in April. After deliberating in an executive session, the Commission will publicly vote to send the three most qualified names to Governor Eric Holcomb. The Governor will have 60 days to select Indiana's next Supreme Court justice from the three names submitted by the Commission. Details on the Commission, including membership, are online. Those interested in applying may contact Staff Attorney to the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission, Luba Gore at lyubov.gore@courts.in.gov

# Having to change that dang year on everything we write, every January



Slim Randles Home Country

Want **MORE HOME COUNTRY?** In The Paper of Montgomery County. Slim is out of Albuquerque, N.M. and his writing is enjoyed all over the country.

"And that's another thing," Herb said, with finality. "Changing that dang year on everything we write, every January. Goes against human nature." "Well I might just have an answer to your problem, Herb," said Doc, sipping and dunking and stirring. "Why don't we, here at the philosophy counter, pick out a year we like and stick with it? Date everything we do with that year. It might start a movement, you never know." Steve looked up from his coffee and twitched his voluminous mustache then twitched it again to make sure he got it right the first time. "So Doc," he said, "you're saying we should just pick a year and live with it? Okay, so which year would you pick?" "I think it would have more of an effect if it would be the same year for all of us here. My choice

of year might not agree with yours, you know." "I was thinking of 19 and 87, myself," said Steve. "Won the team roping that year. Got it on my belt buckle." "There you go. You got the right idea, Pard. Herb, how about you?" "Dog died. In '87, I mean. Just woke up one morning and there she was, dead. I couldn't do '87." "Sorry, Herb. Dud?" "Haven't got to that year yet, Doc," Dud said. "It'll be the year I finish that darn book." We all nodded. "If that there favor-ite

year comes in the bowels of the chicken yard, like it says in the Farmer's Almanac, that'd be good, doncha think?" Doc nodded. "And which year would that be, Windy?" "Ain't sure. Don't have no Farmer's Almanac at the moment." "Let's get some more coffee and give it some thought," said Herb. "I'll second that," said Steve. "Can't," said Windy. "Ain't been firsted yet." *Brought to you by the genuine cowboy music and musings of Steve Cormier up in New Mexico's Sandia Mountains. Check him out at stevecormier.net.*

# Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies will begin to dispense authorized COVID-19 antiviral medication

Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies will begin dispensing the authorized COVID antiviral medication, Paxlovid and Molnupiravir in Indiana through the U.S. Federal Retail Pharmacy Therapeutics Program starting Dec. 30, 2021. Select Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies are receiving limited supplies of the COVID-19 antiviral medication. The medication is only available with a prescription from a healthcare provider.



Customers and healthcare providers can go to <https://www.walmart.com/covidmedication> and use the store locator to find their nearest store or club that is carrying this medication to send the electronic prescription. Since the COVID-19 antiviral medications are prescribed to those with COVID-19, it will only be available at Walmart and Sam's Club by curbside pickup or via drive-thru pharmacy windows. Walmart worked closely with the federal government and state health departments to select locations where states determined the treatment was needed most. While initial treatment supply is limited, Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies stand ready to help expand treatment access nationwide. "We are committed to working with our state and federal partners to provide access to new treatment options like authorized COVID-19 antiviral medications, as they become available," said Kevin Host, senior vice president of pharmacy. "This offers customers the option to recover at home and helps reduce the burden on our hospitals and communities. As we have since the beginning of the pandemic, we're proud to support our communities through everyday essentials, healthy food, vaccines, medication and other health care needs as we all work together to weather the pandemic." Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies will continue to support states and the federal government to help increase the access and availability of authorized COVID-19 antiviral medication and COVID-19 vaccines. Walmart will also continue to make flu vaccines and other preventative vaccines available. To stay up-to-date on how Walmart and Sam's Club are supporting the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, visit <https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine>.

PAXLOVID has not been approved, but has been authorized for emergency use by FDA under an EUA, for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high-risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death; MOLNUPIRAVIR has not been approved but has been authorized for emergency use by FDA under an EUA, for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high-risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death for whom alternative COVID-19 treatment options authorized by the FDA are not accessible or clinically appropriate. The emergency use of PAXLOVID and Molnupiravir is only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of the emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic under Section 564(b)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the declaration is terminated or authorization revoked sooner.

## Meeting Notes

**Crawfordsville Council Committee Meeting**  
The City of Crawfordsville, Indiana  
January 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM EDT  
City Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933  
Council Chambers  
I. Fiscal Affairs  
A. A Resolution Approving American Rescue Plan  
B. An Ordinance to ap-

propriate American Rescue Plan Funds  
II. Ordinances & Petitions  
III. Traffic, Parking & Safety  
IV. Annexation  
V. Miscellaneous  
VI. Adjournment

# Indiana proclaims Saturday January 22, 2022, to be Local Quilt Shop Day

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a center of learning and creativity for quilters and sewers embracing quilting. Through this unique art form, our communities and our history are stitched, layered, and bound together. Celebrated on January 22, 2022 this year, Local Quilt Shop Day was established by The Fabric Shop Network, a trade association that represents over 5,000 local quilt shop owners globally. To participate is easy - The Fabric Shop Network encourages the public to visit their local quilt shops in person or online on Saturday

January 22, 2022. Check with your local quilt shop for hours and days open as they may be impacted by local / state health guidelines. The Fabric Shop Network is a trade organization for independent fabric and quilt retailers. As an organization, we provide comprehensive resources and services to help educate, connect, and support our members worldwide. For more information or an interview, contact Laurie Harsh, The Fabric Shop Network, 360-666-2392 or [laurie.harsh@fabshonet.com](mailto:laurie.harsh@fabshonet.com)

# Women business owners are taking decisive action during the pandemic

As the country takes steps toward economic recovery amidst an ongoing pandemic, women business owners are reporting increased optimism about the current economic outlook, which may be accredited to their resilience and decisive action, according to a recent survey of women-owned businesses by PNC Bank. Leading the way in employee vaccination. According to the survey, nine in 10 (89%) women business owners have taken action to encourage employee vaccination, compared to 78% of male business owners. In fact, half (49%) are providing assistance or education about the vaccine and nearly half (48%) are requiring their employees to receive vaccinations. Those efforts may well be making an impact: eight in 10 (79%) women business owners estimate that a majority of their employees have been vaccinated, and eight in 10 (81%) of those with 100% vaccinated employees report they are highly optimistic about their company's prospects over the next six months. Among those with fewer than 100% of their workforce vaccinated, 56% are highly optimistic. "The optimism reflected in this survey is significantly higher than in our previous surveys of women business owners and this year, there is an undeniable correlation between safeguarding their workforce and their future financial

prospects," said Beth Marcello, director of PNC Women's Business Development. Supporting employees through the pandemic. In addition to encouraging COVID-19 vaccination, female business owners have outpaced men in taking other actions since the start of the pandemic on behalf of their employees, such as implementing health and safety improvements (49%), allowing more flexible work arrangements (49%), and providing caregiving support and other benefits (14%). Both women (36%) and men (44%) increased wages and salaries during the pandemic to retain and attract talent, and said they plan to increase compensation (27% and 37%, respectively) in the next six months. Taking action on social responsibility. Women business owners differed substantially from their men counterparts in the area of social responsibility, according to the survey. Six in 10 (60%) women business owners have formally considered or reviewed policies supporting diversity and inclusion, gender pay equity, volunteering or charitable giving, or sustainability or the environment in the past 12 months. This is double the percentage of men business owners who have done the same (30%). "It is clear from the data that female business owners are prepared for

the challenges they face; in fact, more than half attributed their optimism to their own resilience and resourcefulness," Marcello said. "The support they provide for each other and their employees is key to thriving, and why we're optimistic about the future for women-owned businesses and their growing contribution to economic prosperity overall." About the survey and Project 257: Accelerating Women's Financial Equality. The survey, among small- and medium-sized businesses with self-reported revenue of \$100,000 to \$250 million, was conducted by telephone among a national sample of women's business owners during August and September of 2021. Under the leadership of Marcello and with support from the bank's 4,000 PNC-Certified Women's Business Advocates, PNC recently launched Project 257: Accelerating Women's Financial Equality, an initiative designed to help close the 257-year economic gender gap and expand on PNC's decades-long track record of supporting female financial decision makers. More information can be found at [pnc.com/women](http://pnc.com/women). One thing is clear. Women business owners have taken decisive action during the pandemic, and these efforts are making a positive impact on their employees and their business.

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# Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced his 2022 Next Level Agenda

Governor Eric J. Holcomb today announced his 2022 Next Level Agenda, which focuses on strengthening the state's economy and focusing on areas that support that growth, including workforce training expansion, improving early childhood education efforts, advancing infrastructure projects, and increasing access to public health services.

"The 2022 Next Level Agenda builds a foundation for a healthier state," Gov. Holcomb said. "These priorities will cultivate a more competitive environment to attract new economic development opportunities, establish better access to public health resources and help connect Hoosiers to better employment and training opportunities. Our efforts will advance Indiana's reputation as a state Hoosiers want to live, work, play, study and stay."

The 2022 Next Level Agenda details both legislative and administrative priorities in five categories for the year ahead.

**Economic development**  
To continue the momentum of a robust economic development environment, the agenda focuses on working with the legislature to eliminate the business personal property tax on new equipment and modernizing the Indiana Economic Development Corporation toolkit to:

- Create a new funding mechanism to more competitively invest in transformational economic development opportunities
- Provide greater flexibility within our existing economic tax credit incentive programs

• Incentivize and attract more remote worker jobs to Indiana.

Gov. Holcomb will also collaborate with legislative leaders to ensure more than 900,000 Hoosiers receive the upcoming automatic taxpayer refund.

Education, training and workforce development

Gov. Holcomb will focus efforts on strengthening early learning opportunities, concentrating on better preparing students for kindergarten. He will direct the Department of Education (DOE) to establish an Office of Kindergarten Readiness to partner with the early childhood team at the Family and Social Services Administration and a revised Early Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC) to support kindergarten readiness.

DOE also will move forward with the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed, a new school performance dashboard which will focus on how students are building skills for success beyond the classroom.

DOE is also building a new teacher supply-and-demand marketplace that will connect educators with job opportunities in Indiana. Additionally, the state is strengthening its data-driven public workforce system to connect unemployed Hoosiers with employers, jobs and training programs.

Public health and wellness development

Gov. Holcomb is committed to removing the stigma of mental health by creating easier access to people in need of services, building awareness and expanding education and growing the workforce in mental health. The agenda supports the Governor's Public Health Commission as it develops recommendations to improve public health infrastructure and resources throughout the state.

With the help of legislation, the agenda includes expanding data collection surrounding sudden unexplained infant deaths to understand the root cause which will better support future programming and services. Additionally, it prioritizes creating guidelines for universal lead screening and connecting children with the proper care.

Community development  
The 2022 Next Level Agenda will assist communities in establishing safeguards to strengthen

cybersecurity efforts by developing a grant program that will help local governments develop improvement plans. Gov. Holcomb is committed to overseeing the implementation of the \$500 million READI program as the 17 regions begin developing their projects. The agenda calls for continued progress on capital projects that were authorized in the current budget and building better infrastructure to connect communities for future generations by completing roads, trails, broadband and facility projects.

Good government service  
The 2022 agenda includes a focus on firefighter safety by establishing a program that collects and properly disposes of PFAS, chemicals found in firefighting foam that can have adverse health effects.

Also, the agenda addresses the regulatory and statutory changes prompted by the third-party review of the state's law enforce-

ment agencies.

This includes Gov. Holcomb's commitment to do the following:

- Work with legislative leaders to enhance membership of the Law Enforcement Training Board to include more civilians as well as all satellite academy directors as voting members
- Establish personnel at the Law Enforcement Training Board to expand development and oversight of statewide training and curriculum that includes implicit bias and cultural awareness
- Develop a strategic plan for Indiana State Police to accomplish recruiting and diversity goals
- Modernize state law enforcement information systems to better track and analyze performance metrics

To watch Gov. Holcomb's agenda announcement and learn more about Gov. Holcomb's 2022 Next Level Agenda, visit: <https://www.in.gov/gov/next-level-agenda/>.

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Good Luck!!! Have a great and Prospers New Year!!!!

*Joe Ellis is the Veterans Service Officer for Montgomery County. He sends in information from time to time and The Paper is proud to publish it as a service for our many local veterans.*

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Mind you now, when I say construction, I'm not talking about building a house or two. What I really mean is, construction -- as in high rise, steel and concrete braced frame structures, like hotels, dormitories or apartment buildings.

"Do you remember the shag carpeting that we used to have when we were kids?" she asked me the other day, more or less out of the blue. "It's making a comeback. It's gaining popularity again."

Shag carpeting, for those of you who don't remember it, or haven't seen an Austin Powers movie, was the most popular floor covering of the latchkey kid era. The carpeting was nearly always wall-to-wall in those days. Shag adorned everything from the family living room to weird cousin David's psychedelic hippie van -- floor to ceiling.

It was manufactured of nylon, polyester or acrylic, so not only did it

hold up to foot traffic, it had twice the half-life of plutonium-239.

Shag came in a variety of vibrant colors, but what gave shag carpeting its appeal -- and its name -- was the fact that the pile was long, almost wooly. You could order shag carpeting as "shorties," in which the fibers were 1.5- to 2-inches long, up to a 4-inch pile length.

Walking on shag carpeting was like walking on a sheepdog.

"Do you remember that green color? It was so popular, but oh my gosh, it was so ugly."

It's true! One of the most popular shag carpeting colors was a green that I could best describe as what you'd get if a bumble bee wearing a Boys Scout uniform hit your windshield at 60 miles per hour. "Yes! We had that in the hallway to our bedrooms." I said.

I wanted to mention to Karen, that Dad -- who once purchased two

cases of pickled herring, because each tin was on sale, 10-for-one -- bought our shag carpet, used, from a building materials outlet store. Turns out the carpet had been in a house fire. It wasn't bad carpet, per se, but every time the humidity came up a little, it smelled like someone was roasting a brisket in the master bedroom.

"Do you remember the rake?" Karen asked.

"The rake?"

Karen probably needs to know that my Mother always considered housecleaning to be punishment. Eve brought on womanhood for eating the apple, second only to childbirth. Combining housework with garden work would have led my Mother to take the lawn mower to the shag carpet, long before a rake.

"Yes. It was a wooden or plastic rake with one or two rows of stubby tines on the bottom. Mom used it to loosen the deep dirt before vacuuming, or to

reinvigorate the carpet."

"Interesting," I said. "Yeah, I just told my kids how we used to get in trouble for braiding the long piles," said Karen. "The rake always de-tangled the shag back to normal."

"Really?"  
"Yup. The only problem was that, after raking the shag carpet, Mom wouldn't let us walk on it anymore."

It was at this point that I realized Karen had just given me my New Year's metaphor.

If 2022 is going to be the year we make our comeback, we're likely going to have moments where the deep dirt gets scratched to the surface again. That shouldn't stop us from making the first steps to where we want the year to take us.

Have a very shaggy new year!

*John O. Marlowe is an award-winning columnist for Sagamore News Media.*

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while finishing runner-up in the County Tourney and Regional.

Never one to be satisfied with his accomplishments, Lee really excelled during his senior season, finishing as the county's leading scorer with a 22.7 average...and the county's top rebounder with 19.7

caroms per game, being named to the All-County, conference, and Sectional teams again! Lee was voted by the Montgomery County Coaches Association as the most outstanding athlete and the scholarship winner.

After graduation, Lee headed to Wabash College where he started all four years

for the Little Giants. He was the team's leading rebounder during his last three seasons, and he was voted MVP his junior year and team captain his senior year, averaging 10 points per game.

Lee is married to Becky Threlkeld, a former cheerleader from Darlington, and they

reside in Arkansas. After a successful career in business, Lee is now retired and enjoys watching his grandkids participate in sports...and from what I hear, they are outstanding athletes, too! I had the pleasure of competing against Lee. He was one tough player, and was selected in 1971 as one of the

greatest basketball players in Montgomery County sports history.

*John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.*

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